

Follow Jesus; Mature in Faith; Carry the Good News
At First Mennonite Church

Serving Today: Pastor: Josh Janzen
Worship Leader: Vern Jantzen Hosts: Justin & Linsey Schardt
Organ: Karen Wiebe Power point: Lori Thimm
Audio: Marv Goossen Video: Lisa Goossen
Kids Story: Grace Tegtmeier
Ushers: Brandon Esau & Jake Janzen

Last Sunday: Attendance: 75 **Offering:** Food Pantry \$2,657
FMC \$2,650; Camp Scholarship \$ 100

Today's Offering: First Mennonite **Next Sunday:** Western District Conf

Coming Up:

Sunday, May 3 9:30 am Sunday School for all
10:30 am Worship
11:30 am Youth Taco Fundraiser
Followed by Safe Church training for VBS volunteers.
Tuesday, May 5 1:30 pm WMS Quilting & Tying
Sunday, May 10 9:30 am Adult Sunday School
10:30 am Worship

Early May Birthdays

1: Mike Goossen 7: Ann Regier Scheer 9: Justin Schardt
9: Shelton Crawford 10: Elaine Penner 13: Brandon Esau
14: Laura Williamson 15: Jude VanderSchaaf
16: Chris Tegtmeier 19: Dolores Jantzen, Erin VanderSchaaf
23: Alma Reimer 26: Tim Lichti 28: Rick Brethouwer

- Our services are on **YouTube:** www.youtube.com/c/fmcbeatrice
- The **bulletin** is at fmcbeatrice.org under documents.
- If you would like to be on the **Prayer Chain**, see Sue Gerber
- If you use the **nursery**, please clean up after using it. Thanks!
- Ask an usher for assistance with a **hearing device**.
- **We collect** Best Choice labels & used cards and envelopes.
- **Food Pantry items** go in the box in the narthex. Checks for the food pantry may be put in the offering plate.
- **Men's Brotherhood Project?** Contact Dan Kunzman or LeRoy Janzen.

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Welcome to First Mennonite Church
May 3, 2026



Welcome and Call to worship

L: We gather this morning not as people who have it all together, but as people who have been called together, by a God who knows exactly what we are made of.

P: We are clay in the hands of the Potter.

L: The Lord is near to the brokenhearted. He does not despise the cracked and the fragile. He chooses them. He fills them.

P: We come with our weakness. We come with our questions. We come to worship.

L: We have this treasure in jars of clay, not so that we will be impressive, but so that the surpassing power will clearly belong to God.

P: Let the power be yours, O Lord. Let the glory be yours alone.

L: Come, then. Bring your whole self. The pressed and the perplexed, the weary and the wondering. Bring it all before the God who raises the dead.

All: We worship you, O God, our treasure, our strength, our resurrection and our life. Amen.

Prayer

Hymn 120: "For the Beauty of the Earth"

Confession and Assurance

L: Lord God, we have hidden our weakness rather than offered it to you.

P: Forgive us and receive us as we are.

L: We have pretended to be stronger than we are, crowding out your power with our performance.

P: Forgive us and receive us as we are.

L: We have looked at our broken places with shame instead of with hope.

P: Forgive us and receive us as we are.

L: We have doubted that your resurrection life could reach the parts of us that feel most beyond repair.

P: Forgive us, and receive us as we are: cracked, ordinary, and yours.

L: Hear the good news: the same God who raised Jesus from the dead is not put off by your weakness. He chose clay on purpose. He fills what is

empty. He works through what is broken. In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven, you are held, and the treasure inside you is secure.

P: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Offering Hymn 653: “Nothing is Lost on the Breath of God”

(Offering for First Mennonite Church General Fund)

Children’s Story

Scripture Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:7-11

Sermon: “Strength in the Broken Places”

Pastor Josh

Hymn 592: “How Firm A Foundation”

Sharing and Prayer

Benediction

Sending Song 340: “Lift Your Glad Voices”

Passing the Peace

Welcome to all worshipping with us here and on YouTube. For easy access, bookmark this link: www.youtube.com/c/fmcbeatrice and “Like” it and subscribe. The bulletin is at fmcbeatrice.org under the documents tab.

Baptism will be Sunday, June 7 at Baade’s Pond More details to come.

The Youth have made lunch for you today! Come to the Fellowship Hall for a **Taco Bar** after the service! The free-will donation will help fund their activities!

VBS Safe Church Training – This Sunday, May 3rd, Safe Church training for VBS volunteers will follow the youth taco fundraiser. The Church Board is currently reviewing an updated Safe Church policy, and more extensive required training will be held in August for all Faith Formation volunteers.

Mother’s Morning Off – Instead of a Mother’s Day brunch this year, we’re giving moms the morning off! On May 10th, dads are invited to bring the kids to church at 9:30 a.m. for donuts, card-making, and outdoor play, while moms enjoy a morning to themselves.

Sunday School Teacher Thank You – On May 17th, following the church service, we will host a light lunch to thank our Sunday School teachers for this past year. There will also be time to share what went well and what might be ready for a change. We are so grateful for the time, energy, and care you invest in the children and youth of our congregation!

Celebrating Graduates – We want to celebrate the graduates in your life! Whether they’ve earned a certificate or a degree, from preschool to doctorate, near or far, we’d love to recognize them. Please send names and details to Pastor Sarah by May 10th.

VBS registration is open at fmcbeatrice.org! A consent form is available there for you to print off and get back to Linsey Schardt. Registration/consent forms are also near the mailboxes. Kids are encouraged to invite a friend or a family to join the fun! Please register by May 6!

Vacation Bible School Snacks! Cookies or donations to purchase snacks are requested! Please talk to Kathy Casey if you’d like to donate.

Help get healthy food to people in Beatrice! West End Farm is accepting donations to provide fresh, local produce to the Beatrice Community Food Pantry and to Willow Center for distribution to families in need. For more details and to donate, visit westendfarmne.com/share or talk to Katie Jantzen.

7 FMC Youth are registered to attend Mennonite Camps this summer. FMC pays for kids’ registration and a T-shirt. **If you’d like to contribute to the Camp Fund, please put Camp Fund on the memo line.**

MCC Golf Tournament at the Centura Hills Golf Club in Cairo, NE is on May 16th. 2 Person Scramble with Cart, Lunch, Awards, and Flag Prizes. Sign up by May 8 by emailing NebraskaMCCGolf@gmail.com or call/text Glen at 402-560-7818. Details on Facebook: NebraskaMCCGolf

Beatrice Farmer’s Market Free Kids POP (Power of Produce) Club
The POP Club is a free program that helps kids ages 4-12 explore fresh foods, learn where their food comes from, and have fun at the Farmers Market. Each week, children participate in hands-on activities focused on nutrition, cooking, and agriculture, earning \$3 POP dollars to buy their own fresh produce from market vendors. The Farmer’s Market is every Thursday, May 14 - October 8, 4:00-6:30 pm, 6th & High St.

Diaper Drive for Nebraska Early Development Network! Donated diapers size 3,4,& 5 and wipes may be left in the designated box in the coat closet. Questions? Talk to Shana Ens.



**VBS REGISTRATION IS
NOW OPEN!**

Please register by May 6th!

**Invite a friend or
family! We will have a
gift for every child
that invites someone
and their friend.**



All children need a completed parental and transportation consent form. Find them online or printed by the mailboxes. Return completed forms to Linsey Schart's mailbox.



**Vacation Bible School is May 26-29, 8:30 am – 11:30 am
for children kindergarten eligible through 5th grade.**